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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 2, 1996, Paper Number 8, for which a Three Month Extension of Time to Respond is enclosed, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following Amendments and Remarks. In that February 2, 1997 falls on a Sunday, this response is considered timely filed on Monday, February 3, 1997.

In the Title

Please amend the title as follows:

Monoclonal Antibody to Human *mpl* Ligand [MPL LIGAND]

In the Claims

Please cancel Claims 1, 3, and 6.

Please amend the claims as follows:

13. (Amended) An antibody that is capable of binding [the] an isolated substantially homogeneous *mpl* ligand [polypeptide of Claim 6], the *mpl* ligand consisting of amino acid residues 1 to X of Figure 8 where X is selected from the group consisting of residues 153, 164, 191, 205, 207, 217, 229, 245, and 332.